

BOOK REVIEW

BUTTERFLIES OF THE AMERICAN TROPICS, THE GENUS ANAEA (LEPIDOPTERA: NYMPHALIDAE). William Phillip Comstock. Illustrated with colored plates and drawings by Misses Majorie Statham, Dorothy Fitchew, Alice Gray and Dorothy K. Barlow. Printed for the American Museum of Natural History by W. S. Cowell, Ltd., Ipswich, England, 214 pp. + xiv., price \$25.00.

It is difficult to write a review of a Monograph such as this. William P. Comstock has created a lasting monument to the value of care and meticulous detail in the writing of a scientific work. The book is illustrated with 30 colored plates from drawings by Miss Majorie Statham and Miss Dorothy Fitchew and one may well marvel at the beauty and accuracy of their work. Miss Alice Gray drew the special diagrams and maps; the drawings of the genitalia are by Mrs. Dorothea K. Barlow of the American Museum of Natural History staff.

Dr. Mont A. Cazier who was Chairman of the Department of Insects and Spiders at the time this work was completed in February, 1949, the late Frank Johnson who sponsored the project, and the Trustees of the Museum showed great discernment in supporting the publication of this volume which, unfortunately, Mr. Comstock did not live to see.

Dr. Frederick H. Rindge, Associate Curator of the Department of Entomology (as it is now designated) has done invaluable editing and Dr. David Rockefeller is to be thanked for having furnished financial support in addition to that obtained from the National Science Foundation.

This is a magnificent publication of which all those connected with it should indeed be proud. Were Mr. Comstock here today to see the results of his long devotion to his subject, he would be gratified. This volume will stand as a posthumous honor and an enduring tribute to him.

Your reviewer has had the privilege of having worked in close association with Mr. Comstock over a period of many years.

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